

## ETHICS COMMISSIONS

STATE	POWERS AND DUTIES						JURISDICTION					
	Develop Forms	Develop Manuals	Examine Reports, Monitor Compliance	Subpoena Witnesses	Orders Enforceable in Court	Conduct Ethics Training	Legislators	Executive Branch	Candidates	Local Officials (Other than campaign issues)	Lobbyists	Vendors
<b>Alabama</b> Ethics Commission	x	x uniform reporting guidelines				x	x	x	x	x		
<b>Alaska</b> Public Offices Commission	x		x all reports	x	x		x commission can investigate, but matters are adjudicated by the ethics committee	x	x		x	
<b>Arkansas</b> Ethics Commission	x	x educational materials	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	
<b>California</b> Fair Political Practices Commission	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	
<b>Colorado</b> Independent Ethics Commission	x	x		x	law is unclear	x	x	x		x home rule counties and cities with ethics codes excluded	x along with the Secretary of State	x
<b>Connecticut</b> Ethics Commission	x	x plain-language summary of ethics laws		x		x	x	x			x	
<b>Delaware</b> State Public Integrity Commission	x	x	x	x		x	x financial disclosure only, not code of conduct	x			x	

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<b>Iowa Ethics &amp; Campaign Disclosure Board</b>	x	x accounting manual, educational materials		x			legislators file financial disclosure statements with the Board, but it has no authority over them	x	x		x executive branch lobbyists only	
<b>Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission</b>	x			x			x	x	x		x has authority, but registration and forms are filed with Secretary of State	
<b>Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission</b>	x	x handbook for lobbyists, ethics training manual	x	x		x	x		x		x legislative lobbyists	
<b>Kentucky Executive Ethics Commission</b>	x	x handbook for lobbyists	x	x		x		x			x executive branch lobbyists	
<b>Louisiana Board of Ethics</b>				x	x	x	x	x	x			x
<b>Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices</b>			x	x			x commission can investigate, but matters are adjudicated by the ethics committees	x	x		x	
<b>Maryland State Ethics Commission</b>	x	x	x each statement	x	x	x lobbyists included	x financial disclosure only; ethics committee handles conflicts of interest	x		x	x	no authority, but the commission must annually compile a list of all entities doing business with the state
<b>Massachusetts State Ethics Commission</b>	x	x guidelines for accounting methods	x inspect all statements	x	x		x	x				

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<b>Michigan</b> State Board of Ethics								x only state employees and appointed officials; Board has no authority over elected officials				
<b>Minnesota</b> Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board	x		x executive director must inspect and the Board can audit	x			x	x	x	x	x	
<b>Mississippi</b> Ethics Commission	x	x manuals on accounting and reporting		x	x		x	x		x		
<b>Missouri</b> Ethics Commission			x executive director must review	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	
<b>Montana</b> Commissioner of Political Practices	x	x accounting manual	x must examine within 20 days of receipt	x			x unless complaint involves a legislative act	x	x		x	
<b>Nebraska</b> Accountability and Disclosure Commission			x must make sure everyone has filed and also conduct 'random field audits' of campaign statements (and in those cases must also audit opponent)	x			x	x	x	x	x	
<b>Nevada</b> Commission on Ethics	x	x include hypothetical advisory opinions		x			x	x				
<b>New Jersey</b> Commission of Investigation				x		x	x	x				x

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<b>New Jersey</b> Election Law Enforcement Commission	x	x include law and bookkeeping requirements	x	x	x	x for campaign treasurers	x	x	x		x	
<b>New Jersey</b> Executive Commission on Ethical Standards				x				x		x		
<b>New York</b> State Commission on Public Integrity	x		x	x		x		x			x	
<b>New York</b> State Temporary Commission on Lobbying												
<b>North Carolina</b> Board of Ethics	x	x must publish newsletter on ethics	x			x	legislators 'invited' to participate	x				
<b>Ohio</b> Ethics Commission				x		x		x				
<b>Oklahoma</b> Ethics Commission				x			x	x	x			
<b>Oregon</b> Government Standards and Practices Commission	x	x manual on uniform reporting methods, plain- language manual of ethics laws		x		x lobbyists included	x	x	x	x	x	
<b>Pennsylvania</b> State Ethics Commission	x	x educational materials	x must inspect reports	x		x	x	x	x	x		
<b>Rhode Island</b> Ethics Commission	x	x publications explaining ethical conduct	x must review reports	x			x	x	x	x		x

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<b>South Carolina</b> Ethics Commission	x	x accounting manual, ethics brochure	x must ascertain whether the filer has complied with law	x	x			x	x		x	
<b>Tennessee*</b> Registry of Election Finance	x should be as simple as possible	x	x must review all filed statements	x	x		x	x	x		x	
<b>Texas</b> Ethics Commission	x	x uniform accounting methods	x must conduct random audits	x		x lobbyists included	x	x	x	x	x	
<b>Washington</b> State Legislative Ethics Board				x			x					
<b>Washington</b> State Executive Ethics Board				x				x				
<b>Washington</b> Public Disclosure Commission	x	x bookkeeping manual	x must conduct a sufficient number of audits and field investigations	x	x	x	x legislators file financial disclosures here, but the Legislative Ethics Board enforces the ethics codes	x	x	x	x	
<b>West Virginia</b> Ethics Commission	x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
<b>Wisconsin</b> Government Accountability Board	x			x		x	x	x	x		x	
<b>No Ethics Commissions</b>	Arizona, Idaho, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Wyoming											

\***Tennessee:** HB 506, HB 504, or SB 126 have not been voted on yet, which may alter Ethics Commission due to sunset and Registry of Election Finance during its 2009 session.

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